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MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Procurement of Order of Battle Information

1. PROBLEM:

A problem exists as to the manner in which tactical detachments of this organization will be furnished current information on Soviet bloc nations air, radar, and AAA order of battle.

2. DISCUSSION:

There are four possible solutions to the problem:

- a. Establish an order of battle program indigenous to this Headquarters.
- b. Procure established order of battle publications from agencies already established in the field with a view toward reproducing this information in a project order of battle publication to be distributed by this Headquarters to the detachments in accordance with their requirements.
- c. Arrange for detachment intelligence personnel to have access to order of battle information maintained by the support facility or organization (e. g., 7th Air Division).
- d. Arrange with the Director of Intelligence, Strategic Air Command (with USAF coordination) to be placed on distribution for the SAC Consolidated Air and Radar Order of Battle in sufficient copies to permit distribution to our detachments.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- a. The solution offered in par. 2a obviously is not feasible with the available work force. In addition, it would be a wasteful duplication of effort.
- b. The solution offered in par. 2b would still be a duplication of effort although to a lesser degree. The problem of abstracting and reproducing the necessary information would still be acute with regard to shortage of intelligence and clerical personnel.

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c. The solution offered in par. 2c would be feasible if we had assurance that all detachments would be situated in close proximity to facilities which could provide the necessary information. The possibility of security compromise, however, would be greater considering the number of liaisons which would have to be established with support organizations to make this arrangement function.

d. The solution offered in par. 2d is believed to be the most practical. If sufficient copies of the SAC AOB and ROB can be procured, either through direct approach to SAC or through Col. Berg's office, for distribution by this Headquarters to our detachments (one copy to be retained in this office), duplication of effort and possibility of security compromise will be minimized. In order for this procedure to be effective we will also have to arrange for Col. Berg to receive SAC's periodic amendments to the publications (electrically transmitted). These would, in turn, be passed to this Headquarters for transmission over our circuits to our detachments.

e. SAC has in recent years de-emphasized their flak program; consequently, their present AAA order of battle is not adequate for our purposes. However, USAF is in the process of publishing a new AAA order of battle which should be available in about 30 days.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the attached letter to General Curtis Le May, Strategic Air Command, requesting the publications referred to above, be approved for Mr. Bissell's signature, coordinated with Col. Berg, and dispatched.

Enclosure (1):
Ltr to Gen. Le May

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